

## Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Office of

### Mission

The mission of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) is to provide safe and enjoyable recreational and interpretive opportunities for all New York State residents and visitors and to be responsible stewards of our valuable natural, historic, and cultural resources.

### Organization and Staffing

OPRHP is headed by a commissioner appointed by the Governor. Operations are administered through a network of 11 regional offices: Allegany, Central, Finger Lakes, Genesee, Long Island, New York City, Niagara, Palisades, Saratoga/Capital District, Taconic, and Thousand Islands. The central office, which includes executive and other administrative support staff, is located in Albany.

### Budget Highlights

The FY 2024 Executive Budget recommends appropriations of approximately \$710 million for OPRHP, an increase of about \$36 million from the FY 2023 Enacted Budget. This change primarily reflects spending associated with settled union contracts, inflation, and increased operational activities. The Executive Budget recommends a workforce of 2,374 FTEs for OPRHP in FY 2024.

The Budget allocates \$200 million in New York Works capital funding to OPRHP to further expand the on-going investment to restore and repair parks and historic sites across New York.

For more information on this agency's budget recommendations located in the Executive Budget Briefing Book, click on the following link:

### Program Highlights

OPRHP's mission is carried out through its operation of 216 parks and historic sites, providing safe and attractive facilities, accessible and affordable services, and quality visitor experiences. To increase efficiencies, OPRHP has reorganized functions and consolidated management operations, and continues to achieve efficiencies by streamlining administrative oversight, redeploying staff and consolidating functions. To enhance park facilities and support events, OPRHP continues to foster public-private partnerships, including corporate sponsorships.

The responsibilities of OPRHP are carried out through four major programs:

- Administration provides executive direction, fiscal, personnel, and public communication services, as well as management of the capital program;
- Park Operations operates the State's 181 parks in the 11 park regions throughout the State. Staff includes a statewide police force, security, field operations, and maintenance personnel;
- Historic Preservation oversees preservation activities at 35 historic sites, develops a statewide Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan and maintains the State Register of Historic Places; and
- The Natural Heritage Trust receives and administers funds, including private gifts and bequests, to advance conservation, outdoor recreation and historic preservation purposes. Created under the Public Authorities Law in 1968, the Natural Heritage Trust is a public benefit corporation.

### ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available FY 2023	Appropriations Recommended FY 2024	Change From FY 2023	Reappropriations Recommended FY 2024
State Operations	296,868,307	353,694,000	56,825,693	162,502,650
Aid To Localities	12,680,000	11,605,000	(1,075,000)	31,288,500
Capital Projects	364,900,000	344,900,000	(20,000,000)	745,944,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>674,448,307</b>	<b>710,199,000</b>	<b>35,750,693</b>	<b>939,735,150</b>

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**ALL FUND TYPES**  
**PROJECTED LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM**  
**FILLED ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS**

Program	FY 2023 Estimated FTEs 03/31/23	FY 2024 Estimated FTEs 03/31/24	FTE Change
Administration			
General Fund	62	220	158
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	5	5	0
Historic Preservation			
General Fund	105	105	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	19	19	0
Park Operations			
General Fund	1,131	1,181	50
Special Revenue Funds - Other	260	289	29
Capital Projects Funds - Other	495	495	0
Recreation Services			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	7	7	0
Enterprise Funds	53	53	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,137</b>	<b>2,374</b>	<b>237</b>

**STATE OPERATIONS**  
**ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE**  
**APPROPRIATIONS**  
(dollars)

Fund Type	Available FY 2023	Recommended FY 2024	Change
Enterprise Funds	25,856,708	41,682,000	15,825,292
General Fund	148,709,156	173,482,000	24,772,844
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	7,283,000	7,283,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	115,019,443	131,247,000	16,227,557
<b>Total</b>	<b>296,868,307</b>	<b>353,694,000</b>	<b>56,825,693</b>
Adjustments:			
Transfer(s) From			
Special Pay Bill			
General Fund	(11,240,307)		
<b>Appropriated FY 2023</b>	<b>285,628,000</b>		

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**STATE OPERATIONS**  
**ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM**  
**APPROPRIATIONS**  
(dollars)

Program	Available FY 2023	Recommended FY 2024	Change
<b>Administration</b>			
General Fund	7,946,000	27,431,000	19,485,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	500,000	500,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	498,000	498,000	0
<b>Historic Preservation</b>			
General Fund	11,279,000	11,105,000	(174,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	1,783,000	1,783,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	101,000	101,000	0
<b>Park Operations</b>			
General Fund	129,484,156	134,946,000	5,461,844
Special Revenue Funds - Other	109,666,443	125,894,000	16,227,557
<b>Recreation Services</b>			
Enterprise Funds	25,856,708	41,682,000	15,825,292
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	5,000,000	5,000,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	4,754,000	4,754,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>296,868,307</b>	<b>353,694,000</b>	<b>56,825,693</b>

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND**  
**SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES**  
**FY 2024 RECOMMENDED**  
(dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	26,557,000	19,485,000	26,546,000	19,487,000
Historic Preservation	10,456,000	(174,000)	8,781,000	(120,000)
Park Operations	117,353,000	2,961,844	90,055,000	5,424,506
<b>Total</b>	<b>154,366,000</b>	<b>22,272,844</b>	<b>125,382,000</b>	<b>24,791,506</b>

Program	Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)		Holiday/Overtime Pay	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	0	0	11,000	(2,000)
Historic Preservation	1,588,000	(50,000)	87,000	(4,000)
Park Operations	21,793,000	(1,532,281)	5,505,000	(930,381)
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,381,000</b>	<b>(1,582,281)</b>	<b>5,603,000</b>	<b>(936,381)</b>

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**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND**  
**SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED**  
**APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES**  
**FY 2024 RECOMMENDED**  
**(dollars)**

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	874,000	0	435,000	0
Historic Preservation	649,000	0	221,000	0
Park Operations	17,593,000	2,500,000	5,437,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,116,000</b>	<b>2,500,000</b>	<b>6,093,000</b>	<b>0</b>

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	133,000	0	250,000	0
Historic Preservation	23,000	0	351,000	0
Park Operations	216,000	0	7,296,000	1,500,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>372,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,897,000</b>	<b>1,500,000</b>

Program	Equipment	
	Amount	Change
Administration	56,000	0
Historic Preservation	54,000	0
Park Operations	4,644,000	1,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,754,000</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>

**STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND**  
**SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES**  
**FY 2024 RECOMMENDED**  
**(dollars)**

Program	Total		Personal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	998,000	0	298,000	0
Historic Preservation	1,884,000	0	1,158,000	0
Park Operations	125,894,000	16,227,557	66,375,000	12,866,568
Recreation Services	51,436,000	15,825,292	15,058,000	2,037,358
<b>Total</b>	<b>180,212,000</b>	<b>32,052,849</b>	<b>82,889,000</b>	<b>14,903,926</b>

Program	Nonpersonal Service	
	Amount	Change
Administration	700,000	0
Historic Preservation	726,000	0
Park Operations	59,519,000	3,360,989
Recreation Services	36,378,000	13,787,934
<b>Total</b>	<b>97,323,000</b>	<b>17,148,923</b>

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**AID TO LOCALITIES**  
**ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE**  
**APPROPRIATIONS**  
(dollars)

Fund Type	Available FY 2023	Recommended FY 2024	Change
General Fund	3,375,000	300,000	(3,075,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	3,170,000	3,170,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	6,135,000	8,135,000	2,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,680,000</b>	<b>11,605,000</b>	<b>(1,075,000)</b>

**AID TO LOCALITIES**  
**ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM**  
**APPROPRIATIONS**  
(dollars)

Program	Available FY 2023	Recommended FY 2024	Change
Historic Preservation			
General Fund	250,000	0	(250,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	1,120,000	1,120,000	0
Recreation Services			
General Fund	3,125,000	300,000	(2,825,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	2,050,000	2,050,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	6,135,000	8,135,000	2,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,680,000</b>	<b>11,605,000</b>	<b>(1,075,000)</b>

**CAPITAL PROJECTS**  
**ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM**  
**APPROPRIATIONS**  
(dollars)

Comprehensive Construction Program	Available FY 2023	Recommended FY 2024	Change	Reappropriations FY 2024
Facilities Maintenance and Operations				
Capital Projects Fund	21,000,000	21,000,000	0	16,691,000
Federal Capital Projects Fund				
Federal Capital Projects Fund	20,000,000	20,000,000	0	67,269,000
Maintenance and Improvements of Existing Facilities				
State Parks Infrastructure Fund	44,600,000	44,600,000	0	119,349,000
Misc. Capital Projects	26,800,000	56,800,000	30,000,000	169,978,000
Natural Heritage Trust				
Capital Projects Fund	0	0	0	300,000
New York Works				
State Parks Infrastructure Fund	252,500,000	202,500,000	(50,000,000)	364,341,000
Outdoor Recreation Development Bond Fund				
Outdoor Recreation Development Bond Fund	0	0	0	6,218,000
Parks EQBA 86				
Capital Projects Fund - EQBA 86 (Bondable)	0	0	0	1,798,000

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<b>Total</b>	<b>364,900,000</b>	<b>344,900,000</b>	<b>(20,000,000)</b>	<b>745,944,000</b>
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Note: Most recent estimates as of 02/01/2023